

Wall of Remembrance honors deceased

The Camas Cemetery now has a "Wall of Remembrance," which provides a place to inscribe the names of loved ones whose ash remains have been scattered.

Family members can have a location to place flowers and plants during special times of year.

The wall is mounted on a red brick building that was a once a mausoleum, built for the wife of Donald Stearns, who was purported to have been the right-hand man of the Oregonian's then-publisher Henry Pittock.

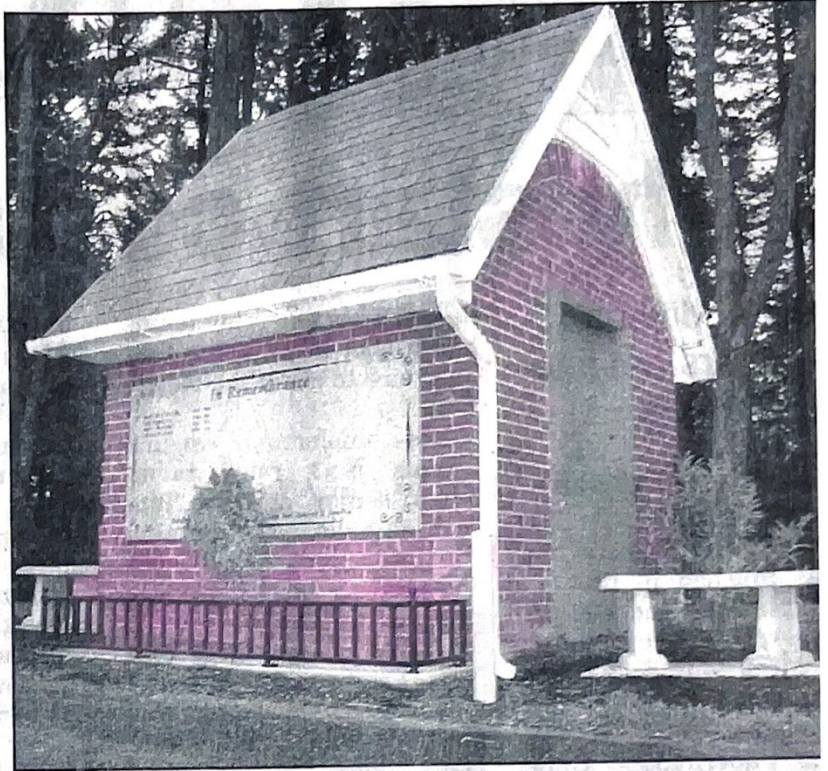
Stearns built the mausoleum for Clara Dunaway after she contracted pneumonia and eventually died of tuberculosis. She had moved from Portland and lived in Camas for only a few years before her death, according to the Vancouver Historical Society Annual of 1984.

The crypt originally had a glass cover to enable Stearns to view his wife after her death.

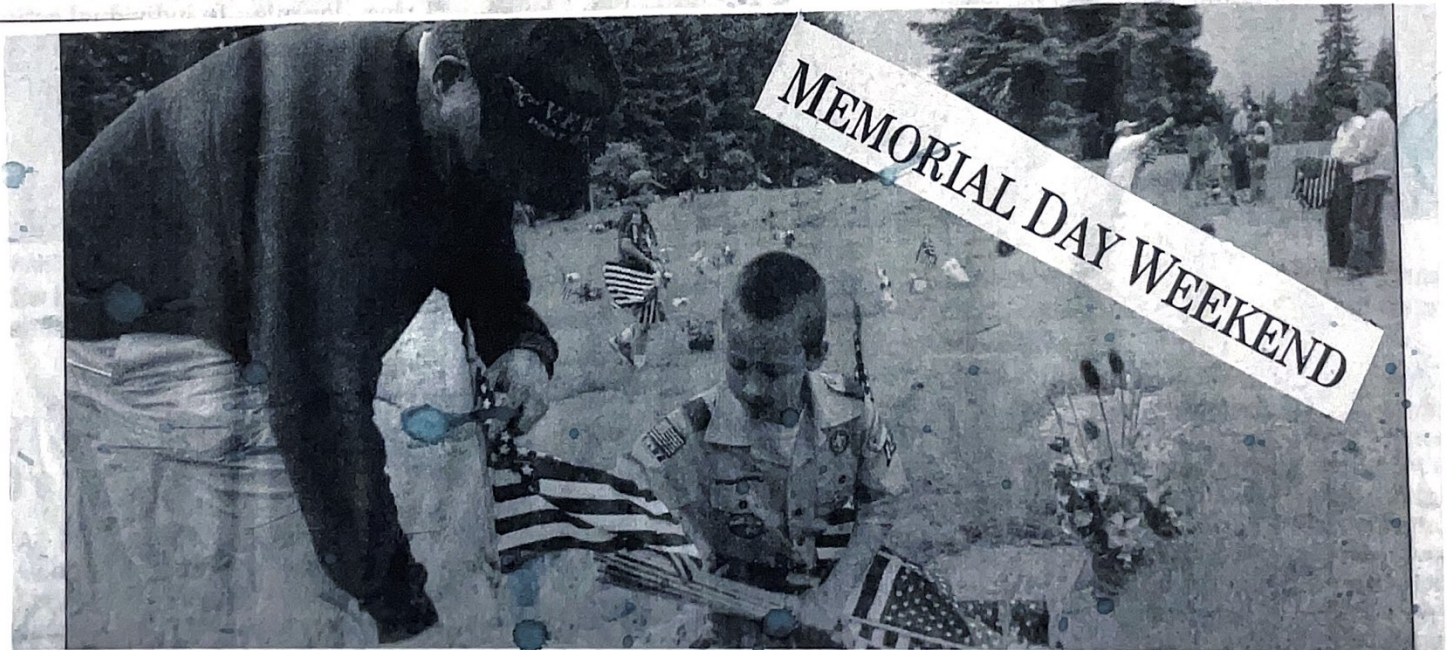
Dunaway is no longer buried in the mausoleum. Since her body was moved, the small structure has served as a restroom and, later, as a tool storage shed.

The wall was set up with volunteer labor and donated funds.

To get a name inscribed, contact the Camas Cemetery Association at 834-4220.



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